

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LUSAKA 01545 021700Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----000426 021704Z /46
O 021623Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8294

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1545

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (KAUNDA, KENNETH) ZA
SUBJ: KAUNDA VISIT: CUBAN INTERVENTION THEME

REF: LUSAKA 1522

1. BILL MOYERS HAD TWO AND A HALF HOUR SESSION WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA FOR FILMING OF CBS SPECIAL ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. DURING THE COURSE OF IT, KAUNDA SPOKE OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON (OFF CAMERA) IN TERMS VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE HE HAD USED IN REFTEL WITH DAVID MARTIN AND COLIN LEGUM, IF NOT SOMEWHAT STRONGER. THE PRESIDENT TOLD MOYERS THAT WHETHER OR NOT CUBAN TROOPS COME TO ZAMBIA WAS UP TO PRESIDENT CARTER. HE, KAUNDA, WOULD MAKE A DEFINITE DECISION ON THE MATTER AFTER SEEING HOW PRESIDENT CARTER RESPONDS TO THE VISIT. HE THOUGHT HIS DECISION COULD BE MADE BY THE TIME OF "THE U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY."

2. MOYERS SAID IT WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR JUST WHAT KAUNDA WAS EXPECTING FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, BUT IT PROBABLY CONSISTED OF SATISFACTION IN THREE AREAS--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA, REAFFIRMATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND PROMISE OF ACTION TO BRING PRESSURES ON SOUTH AFRICA IN TERMS OF DISINVESTMENT BY U.S. BUSINESSES.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LUSAKA 01545 021700Z

3. SINCE MOYERS' PROGRAM IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE AIRED UNTIL SEPTEMBER, HE HAD CONFINED HIS DISCUSSION LARGELY TO SOUTH AFRICA AND AVOIDED ASKING QUESTIONS ON RHODESIA, WHERE HE RECOGNIZES EVENTS ARE MOVING SO FAST THAT WHATEVER IS SAID NOW IS LIKELY TO BE OUT OF DATE THEN. IN MOYERS' VIEW IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THEREFORE THAT KAUNDA WOULD ALSO BE SEEKING COMMITMENTS FROM PRESIDENT CARTER IN REGARD TO OUR SUPPORT

FOR PRESSURES TO GET SMITH OUT AND IMPOSE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

4. KAUNDA FREELY ACKNOWLEDGED TO MOYERS HIS SUPPORT FOR NKOMO. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD PROMISED NKOMO IN 1965 AT THE TIME OF UDI THAT HE WOULD NOT FOREGT HIM, AND HE INTENDS TO STAND BY HIS WORD. IF AMERICANS INTERPRET HIS ACTIONS AS FAVORING NKOMO FOR LEADERSHIP OF INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE, THEY ARE CORRECT, HE SAID.

5. COMMENT: KAUNDA FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT IF LEFT TO WHITE AND BLACK AFRICANS IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE COULD BE ACHIEVED IN RHODESIA. HE HAS ALWAYS REJECTED BRITISH PROTESTATIONS THAT THEY NEVER RULED RHODESIA, AND FOR TWELVE YEARS HAS DEMANDED THEY ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA AND TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO BRING MAJORITY RULE. KAUNDA WELCOMED KISSINGER'S LUSAKA SPEECH IN APRIL 1976 ASSOCIATING THE U.S. WITH EFFORTS TO FIND A RHODESIA SOLUTION. BUT THE FORMER SECRETARY'S STYLE WAS NOT HIS OWN, AND IT WAS NOT UNTIL THIS ADMINISTRATION THAT HE WAS REALLY ABLE TO IDENTIFY PERSONALLY WITH AMERICAN LEADERSHIP. THE COINCIDENCE OF HIS DEEP PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND HIS SINGLE-MINDED DEVOTION TO AFRICAN MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA LEADS HIM TO HIS PRESENT FRAME OF MIND IN WHICH HE WISHES TO PLACE ON U.S. SHOULDERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A FINAL SOLUTION THERE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 LUSAKA 01545 021700Z

6. KAUNDA IS AN IMPRESSIONABLE MAN. THE SINCERITY OF AN EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT IS ALMOST AS IMPORTANT TO HIM AS THE SPECIFICS INVOLVED. HE FEELS ISOLATED AND EXPOSED, AND IS LOOKING TO PRESIDENT CARTER FOR COMFORT. IT IS IN THIS SENSE THAT WE INTERPRET HIS DEMANDS FOR REASSURANCE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. HIS DESPERATION STEMS FROM HAVING SEEN ALL OF HIS EFFORTS OVER TEN YEARS TO RESOLVE THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM COME TO NOTHING. HE WILL THEREFORE ALSO DEMAND CONCRETE MEASURES AS WELL AS REASSURANCE. WE BELIEVE HE SINCERELY WANTS TO AVOID THE CUBAN ROUTE. HOWEVER, IF IN VIEW OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS (RHODESIAN REPRISALS AGAINST ZAMBIA, FOR EXAMPLE) HE AGREES TO A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE CUBAN PRESENCE, HE WILL SEEK TO JUSTIFY HIS ACTION BY BLAMING THE WEST AND SPECIFICALLY THE U.S. FOR HAVING FORCED HIM TO TAKE SUCH AN ACTION BY FAILING TO GET RID OF SMITH. LOW

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 may 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978LUSAKA01545
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780187-0106
Format: TEL
From: LUSAKA
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197805103/aaaadjnm.tel
Line Count: 110
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 103bd593-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 78 LUSAKA 1522
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2520234
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KAUNDA VISIT: CUBAN INTERVENTION THEME
TAGS: OVIP, ZA, (KAUNDA, KENNETH)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/103bd593-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014